

What is Claimed is:

1. A system for metering permit mail, said system comprising:
means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;
- 5 and
means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or within the vicinity of the postal indicia.
- 10 *Sub A* 2. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein said first and second means are in different locations.
- 15 3. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-printed information is printed with a dual luminescent ink.
4. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the variable information is printed with a dual luminescent ink.
- 15 5. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-printed information is printed with a fluorescent ink.
- 20 6. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the variable information is printed with a phosphorescent ink.

7. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-printed information is printed with a phosphorescent ink.

8. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the variable information is printed with a 5 fluorescent ink.

Sub A2 9. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink.

10 10. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink

15 11. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the variable information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-luminescent ink.

20 12. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the variable information is printed with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-luminescent ink

13. The system claimed in claim 1, further including means for collecting payment for the printed variable payment information.

~~A~~ 14. The system claimed in claim 13, wherein said means for collecting payment is a postage meter.

~~5~~ 15. The system claimed in claim 13, further including: means for recording payments for the printed postal indicia.

~~10 6~~ 16. The system claimed in claim 13, further including:
a scale coupled to the postage meter to weigh the mail piece; and
a rate table coupled to the meter so that the correct postage may be computed.

~~17 8~~ 17. The system claimed in claim 13, further including a data center that is coupled to said collecting means so that additional funds may be remotely added to said means for collecting payment.

~~18 9~~ 18. The system claimed in claim 13, wherein said means for collecting is a postal security device.

~~20~~ 19. The system claimed in claim 13, wherein said means for collecting records collects variable security information.

7 20. The system claimed in claim 16, further including a data center that is coupled to the rate table to update rates as required by the post.

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21. A method for paying for permit mail, said method includes the steps of:
5 placing funds in a postage meter;
printing a permit mail postal indicia with a postage meter; and
deducting the value of the printed permit postal indicia from the meter.

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22. The method claimed in claim 21, wherein said printing step further includes the
10 steps of:
pre-printing a portion of the postal indicia with fixed information; and
printing variable information within the postal indicia or within the vicinity of the
postal indicia.

15 16. 23. The method claimed in claim 22, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes
the step of pre-printing the fixed information with a dual luminescent ink.

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24. The method claimed in claim 21, wherein the step of printing variable information
includes printing the variable information with a dual luminescent ink.

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25. The method claimed in claim 22, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes
the step of pre-printing the fixed information with a fluorescent ink and the variable
information with a phosphorescent ink.

19. ¹⁵ 26. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes the step of pre-printing the fixed information with a phosphorescent ink and the variable information with a fluorescent ink.

5 20. ¹⁵ 27. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes the step of pre-printing a portion of the fixed information with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information with a non-luminescent ink.

10 21. ¹⁵ 28. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of printing variable information further includes the step of printing a portion of the variable information with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information with a non-luminescent ink.

15 22. ¹⁵ 29. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes the step of pre-printing a portion of the fixed information with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information with a non-luminescent ink.

20 23. ¹⁵ 30. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of printing variable information further includes the step of printing a portion of the variable information with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information with a non-luminescent ink.

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31 The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, further including the step of:
adding additional funds to the postage meter.

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32. The method claimed in claim ~~21~~, further including the step of:
adding additional funds to the postage meter from a remote location.

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33. The method claimed in claim ~~21~~, further including the step of:
processing the postal indicia by the post.

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